

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Family Payment Reform - Maintain Family Tax Benefit Payment Rates for two years

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Senator Brown asked:

Has the Department undertaken modelling on the impact of freezing the FTB-A and FTB-B payment rates until 30 June 2016? If yes, please provide that modelling to the Committee.

Answer:

The Department estimates that families will forgo the following amounts due to maintaining the FTB Part A and FTB Part B rates for two years.

Table 1: Projected forgone amounts per child, due to maintaining the maximum rate of FTB Part A.

FTB A Maximum Rate*	2014-15	2015-16
Child aged under 13	\$ 120.45	\$ 222.65
Child aged 13 -15	\$ 156.95	\$ 288.35
Child aged 16 -19, secondary student	\$ 156.95	\$ 288.35

*Note: these are estimates only and are not based on the legislated rates.

Table 2: Projected forgone amounts per child, due to maintaining the base rate of FTB Part A.

FTB A Base Rate*	2014-15	2015-16
Child aged under 13	\$ 40.15	\$ 73.00
Child aged 13 -15	\$ 40.15	\$ 73.00
Child aged 16 -19, secondary student	\$ 40.15	\$ 73.00

*Note: these are estimates only and are not based on the legislated rates.

Table 3: Projected forgone amounts per family, due to maintaining the maximum rate of FTB Part B.

FTB Part B*	2014-15	2015-16
Youngest child aged under 5	\$ 102.20	\$ 189.80
Youngest child aged 5-15 (5-6 from 2015-16)	\$ 73.00	\$ 135.05
Youngest child aged 16 -18, secondary student	\$ 73.00	\$ 135.05 #

*Note: these are estimates only and are not based on the legislated rates.# Grandfathered families only

All 1.7 million FTB families will be affected up to the above amounts, by this measure.